

In America, the Merchant Marine Act of 1970 is once again awakening that venturesome spirit of maritime enterprise that has contributed so significantly to the strength and development of our Nation. Today we have a national commitment and program to revitalize our merchant marine and improve the competitive position of our shipbuilding industry.

84 Stat. 1018.  
46 USC 1101  
note.

This new program will generate the construction of many new ships, advanced in design and highly productive. It should help to ensure that the American merchant marine is once again one of the most modern and efficient in the world by the end of this decade.

It is important that all Americans realize the importance of our merchant marine to the Nation's economy and security. To promote such public awareness, each year since 1933, when the Congress designated the anniversary of the first transatlantic voyage by a steamship, the *SS Savannah*, on May 22, 1819, as National Maritime Day, successive Presidents have issued proclamations calling for public observance of that day.

48 Stat. 73.  
36 USC 144.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD NIXON, President of the United States of America, do hereby urge the people of the United States to honor our American merchant marine on May 22, 1972, by displaying the flag of the United States at their homes and other suitable places, and I request that all ships sailing under the American flag dress ship on that day.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this thirteenth day of April, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred seventy-two, and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred ninety-sixth.



PROCLAMATION 4124

## National Check-Your-Vehicle- Emissions-Month, April, 1972

*By the President of the United States of America*

April 20, 1972

### A Proclamation

The task of cleansing our environment calls for individual effort on the part of all Americans.

84 Stat. 1676.  
42 USC 1857b  
note.

Under the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1970, we can look forward to the day when pollutants from new motor vehicles will be substantially diminished. Setting emission standards, however, is not all that we can do. Our citizens can also act now to limit exhaust pollutants entering our atmosphere from motor vehicles currently in use.

*Ante*, p. 123.

Aware of the opportunity and the responsibility of Americans to help purify the air, the Congress, by Joint Resolution, has requested the President to designate April, 1972 as National Check Your Vehicle Emissions Month.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD NIXON, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim April, 1972 to be National Check Your Vehicle Emissions Month, and I call upon all Americans to recognize the need for curbing exhaust pollutants from their motor vehicles by maintaining them in good working order.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this twentieth day of April, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred seventy-two, and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred ninety-sixth.



PROCLAMATION 4125

## Adjustment of Duties on Certain Ceramic Tableware

April 22, 1972

*By the President of the United States of America*

### A Proclamation

1. WHEREAS, pursuant to the authority vested in him by the Constitution and the statutes, including section 350 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (19 U.S.C. 1351), and section 201 of the Trade Expansion Act of 1962 (19 U.S.C. 1821) (hereinafter referred to as "the TEA"), the President, by Proclamations No. 2761A of December 16, 1947 (61 Stat. (pt. 2) 1103); No. 2867 of December 22, 1949

48 Stat. 943.

76 Stat. 872.